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OF THE

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OF THE PRIMITIVE ORDER,

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1881-1882 Yearly Meeting

CHURCH RECORDS

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SATURDAY, Sept. 26, 1874.

1. Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Jesse A. Melton, from the xvi chap. and 18th verse of St. Matthew: "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

2. After an hours intermission the Delegates assembled in the house; prayer by Eld. B. Jowers.

3. Read the letters from the several churches and enrolled the names of Delegates. See Table.

4. Elected Eld. B. Jowers Moderator, and James Baxley Clerk.

5. Invited visiting brethren in the ministry and corresponding brethren to seats.

6. Appointed the following Committees, viz On Preaching—Brethren W. W. Butler, J. S. Baxley and L. M. Parker. On Arrangement of Business to come before the body—Brethren A. V. Atkins, J. S. Ogletree and Wm. Reddin. To write Corresponding Letter—J. McLeroy. To Examine Corresponding Minutes—J. C. Dunn, J. M. Dikes, J. D. Robertson.

7. Called for petitionary churches.

8. Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Dikes, preaching this evening by Bro. R. J. Cowser, followed by Bro. A. K. Treble.

SUNDAY, Sept. 27.

Preaching this morning by Eld. J. E. W. Henderson, followed by Eld. J. M. Dikes.

MONDAY, Sept. 28, 1874.

9. Called for the report of the brethren on the arrangement of business which was adopted.

10. Called the the roll and read the decorum.

11. Renewed the invitation to ministering brethren and correspondents to seats.

12. Called for the Corresponding Letter, which was read and adopted.

13. Called for correspondence and received as follows:—

From Beulah—Letter and minutes by her delegates Eld. J. E. W. Henderson and J. C. Holman.

From Hillabee—Letter and minutes by her delegates, Elds. R. W. Carlisle, R. J. Cowser, B. R. White, C. Cotton and E. McCord.

From Western—Letter and minutes.

From Cane Creek—No correspondence.

From Conecuh River—No correspondence.

14. Returned correspondence:—

To Beulah—Delegates Elds. J. McLeroy, J. P. Sayers, F. C. Stevens, Brethren S. G. Woodall, A. G. Holloway, L. M. Parker, J. S. Ogletree James Baxley.

To Western—Letter and minutes.

To Conecuh River—Bro. A. V. Atkins.

To Cane Creek—Elds. J. McLeroy, F. C. Stevens.

To Hillabee—Elds. B. Jowers, J. M. Dikes, J. E. McCall.

15. Appointed union meetings, 2nd District first choice. 1st. District—Enon, Perry county, Third Sunday in July, 1875; 2nd. District—Chaney Creek, Elmore, First Sunday in August, 1875; 3rd. District—Mt. Olive, Shelby, First Sunday in August, 1875. Meetings to commence Friday before each Sunday.

16. Called for the report of the brethren on correspondence—they report they find nothing claiming the attention of this body.

17. Distributed corresponding minutes and received contributions amounting to \$35 50.

18. Agreed to have six hundred copies of these minutes printed and the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution and of the same, and receive \$20 for his services.

19. Called for miscellaneous business:—Granted a letter of dismission to our sister church, Bethlehem, Macon county, Ala. Appointed the next session of our body to convene with Bethel Church, Coosa county, Ala., 17 miles North of Wetumpka, on the old plank road, near Brooks*ville, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1875.

Read the minutes and adjourned. Preaching this morning by Eld. J. W. Carlisle, followed by Eld. R. J. Cowsert, this evening by Eld. J. M. Dikes followed by Eld. J. McLeroy.

Resolved, That this Association tender her thanks to God and respects to the brethren in the vicinity of Swamp Creek Church for their hospitality manifested to us during our stay among them.

BENJ. JOWERS, Moderator.

JAMES BAXLEY, Clerk.

Corresponding Letter.

The Wetumpka Association to her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds: DEAR BRETHREN—God in His mercy and goodness has permitted us to hold another session of our body. The business has been conducted harmoniously;

the brethren that have occupied the stand have seemed to preach with the spirit and the understanding. The correspondence has not been as full as we desire, but we solicit a continuance of your friendly correspondence. The letters from the churches denote that peace and brotherly love seems to abound in them.

The next session of this body will convene with Bethel, Church, Coosa county, Ala., 17 miles North of Wetumpka on the old plank road, near Brooksville, on the Fourth Saturday in September, 1875.

BENJ. JOWERS, Moderator.

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Confession of Faith and Scriptural Proofs.

ARTICLE I. We believe in the one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

We prove this from 1 John chap. 5, verse 7: For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. Saint John, chap. 1, verse 1: In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God. Chap. 10, 30 v.: I and my Father are one. St. John, chap. 17, verse 3: And this is life eternal that they might know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent.

ARTICLE II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

If Timothy chap. 3, verse 16: All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine &c. If Peter, chap. 1, verse 21: For the prophesy came not in old time, by the will of man but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Hebrews, chap. 1, verse 2: God who at sundry times and in divers ways spake in time past unto the fathers by the Prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he saved the worlds.

ARTICLE III. We believe that God elected or chosen his people in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Psalms, chap. 33, verse 12: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.—Ephesians, chap. 1, verse 4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. I Peter, chap. 1, v 2: Elect according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling the blood of Jesus Christ, &c. Acts, chap. 9, verse 15: For he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and Kings and the children of Israel.

ARTICLE IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

Romans, chap. 5, verse 15: wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, so death passed upon all men, for that all

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have sinned. Romans, chap. 3, verse 23: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans, chap. 7, verse 14: We know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. Chap. 8, verse 7: Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God; neither in deed can be. John, chap. 6, verse 44: No man can come to me except the Father which has sent me, draw him.

ARTICLE V. We believe that sinners are justified in sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Romans, chap. 10, verse 4: For Christ is the end of the law, for righteousness to every one that believeth. II Corinthians, chap. 5, verse 21: For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the the righteous of God in Him. I Corinthians, chap. 1, verse 30: But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, &c. Gal. chap. 2, verse 21: For if righteousness came by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

ARTICLE VI. We believe that God's elect shall be called effectually regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

I Corinthians, chap. 1, verse 2: To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jeaus Christ our Lord, both these and ours. Titus, chap. 5, verse 5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Ghost. Hebrews, chap. 2, verse 11: For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

ARTICLE VII. We believe that baptism, and the Lord's supper, are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and the true mode of baptism is immersion.

Mark, chap. 1, v. 9: And it came to pass in these days, that Jesus came from Nazereth of Gallilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan: 16 chap. 16 v.: He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved. Acts. 22, verse 16; And now why tarryest thou; arise and be baptised; 8 chap. 37, v.: And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest: and he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Verse 38: And he commanded the Chariot to stand still and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him. Romans, 6 chap., 4 v: Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father even so &c.

Now THE SUPPER.—Mathew 26 chap. 26 v.: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and break it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, take eat, this is my body; 27 v.: And he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, drink ye all of it; 28 v.: For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. I Corinthians, 5 chap. 11 v.: If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, with such an one no not to eat; 11 chap., 29 v.: For He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself not deserving the Lord's body.

ARTICLE VIII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Matthew 28 chap., 5 v.: And the Angel answered, and said unto the woman, fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified: 6 v.: he is not here for he has arisen, as he said; 7 v.: and go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead. Acts, 24 chap., 15 v.: There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust; 17 chap., 31 v.: Because he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised him from the dead. John, 5 chap., 28, 29 v.: Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in the which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

ARTICLE IX. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by presbytery and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

Leviticus, 8 chap., 1 v.: And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, take Aaron and his sons with him. Hebrews, 5 chap., 4 v.: No man taketh his honor unto himself but he that is called of God as was Aaron. I Timothy, 4 chap., 14 v.: Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Acts, 13 chap., 2, 3 v.: The Holy Ghost said separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them and when they had parted, and prayed and layed their hands on them they sent them away.

ARTICLE X. We believe that God has ordained good works that his children should walk in them, and that good works are only such as God hath commanded in his Word, and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men out of blind zeal or upon any pretence of good intentions.

Ephesians, 2 chap., 10 v.: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we shall walk in them. James, 1 chap., 18 v.: Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Romans, 10 3 v.: For they being ignorant of Gods righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. Titus 3 chap., 5 v.: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.

ARTICLE XI. We believe that washing the Saints' feet was ordained by Christ to be done by his children in a church capacity until his second coming.

John, 13 chap., 5 v.: After he had poured water into the basin and began to wash his disciples feet, and wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded; 14 v.: If I, then, your Lord and master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one anothers feet. 15 v.: For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done unto you. I Timothy, 5 chap., 10 v.: Well reported of for good works, if she have brought up children; if she have lodged strangers; if she have washed the saints feet; if she have relieved the afflicted; if she have diligently followed every good work.

CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

DELEGATES NAMES
Ordained Ministers*
Licentiates†

FIRST DISTRICT.

SECOND DISTRICT.

THIRD DISTRICT.

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